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(54) **ELECTRONIC-INK BASED DISPLAY DEVICE
EMPLOYING AN ELECTRONIC-INK LAYER
INTEGRATED WITHIN A STACKED
ARCHITECTURE**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

An electronic-ink based display device employing an address-
able display assembly including a layer of electronic ink
including a bi-stable non-volatile imaging material. The
device includes an integrated circuit structure having a stor-
age element for storing instructions, programs and data, and a
programmed processor in electrical communication with the
addressable display assembly and an antenna structure. A
signal transmitting structure transmits signals from the
antenna structure to a remote transceiver module. A signal
receiving structure receives electromagnetic signals from the
remote activator module, using the antenna structure. An
on-board battery power structure, operably connected to the
integrated circuit structure, supplies electrical power the inte-
grated circuit structure, which is responsive to electromag-
netic signals received from the remote transceiver module by
the antenna structure and the signal receiving structure. The
addressable display assembly is responsive to output signals
generated by the programmed processor, to display the deter-
mined graphical indicia. The antenna structure, integrated
circuit structure, signal transmitting structure, signal receiv-
ing structure, on-board battery power structure are arranged
and stacked together behind and within the spatial extent of
the addressable display assembly so as to form the remotely-
alterable electronic-ink based display device having a stacked
construction.

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